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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

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National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice is announcing a meeting of the National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods (NACMCF), that will be held on June 10, 2015, by audio conference call that is open to the public. The Committee will continue its discussions, from its November 17, 2014 meeting, on microbiological criteria as indicators of poor process control or insanitary conditions. After further discussion, the committee plans to adopt its final recommendations.

DATES: Wednesday, June 10, 2015

TIME: 1:00 to 4:00 pm E.S.T.

Call-in Phone Number: The June 10, 2015, meeting will be held by telephone. The call-in number for the audio conference will be provided after registration is completed. Please contact Karen Thomas-Sharp at the address, telephone or fax numbers below to

register for the meeting:

USDA, FSIS, Office of Public Health Science,  
Stop 3777, Patriots Plaza 3, Floor 9, 1400 Independence Avenue,  
SW., Washington, DC 20250, or by phone (202) 690-6620, fax (202)  
690-6334, or e-mail: [Karen.thomas-sharp@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:Karen.thomas-sharp@fsis.usda.gov).

All documents related to the full Committee meeting will be  
available for public inspection in the FSIS Docket Room, USDA,  
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as soon as they become available. The NACMCF documents also will  
be available on the Internet at

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meeting and will post it on the FSIS Webpage at

<http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/newsroom/meetings>.

Please note that the meeting time schedule is subject to change  
due to the time required for Committee discussions; thus,  
sessions could end earlier or later than anticipated. Please  
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public comment period.

The official meeting minutes of the June 10, 2015 full  
Committee meeting, when they become available, will be located  
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FURTHER INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS: Persons interested in registering for the audio conference, making a presentation, submitting technical papers, or providing comments at the June 10, 2015 plenary session should contact Karen Thomas-Sharp, phone (202) 690-6620, fax (202) 690-6334, e-mail: [Karen.thomas-sharp@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:Karen.thomas-sharp@fsis.usda.gov) or at the mailing address above.

Persons requiring special accommodations for this phone conference (voice and TTY) should notify Ms. Thomas-Sharp by June 5, 2015.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The NACMCF was established in 1988 in response to a recommendation of the National Academy of Sciences for an interagency approach to microbiological criteria for foods and in response to a recommendation of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations, as expressed in the Rural Development, Agriculture, and Related Agencies Appropriation Bill for fiscal year 1988. The charter for the NACMCF is available on the FSIS Webpage at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/data-collection-and-reports/nacmcf/committee-charter/charter>.

The NACMCF provides scientific advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Health and Human Services on issues related to the safety and wholesomeness of the U.S. food supply, including development of microbiological criteria, as well as the review and evaluation of epidemiological and risk assessment data and methodologies for assessing microbiological hazards in foods. The Committee also provides scientific advice and recommendations to the Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Departments of Commerce and Defense.

Mr. Brian Ronholm, Deputy Under Secretary for Food Safety, USDA, is the Committee Chair; Dr. Susan T. Mayne, Director of the Food and Drug Administration's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN), is the Vice-Chair; and Dr. James Rogers, FSIS, is the Executive Secretary.

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Done at Washington, DC on: May 15, 2015.

Alfred V. Almanza,  
Acting Administrator.

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